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ICE GORGE IS FORMING

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IN OTHER SECTIONS TOO

Cleveland Sees Hope in Colder Weather.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 22.—At 2 o'clock this morning the gauges showed that the Allegheny stood at 26.6 feet at Herr's Island and was rising at the rate of six-tenths of a foot an hour; the Monongahela at the wharf stood at 57.2, rising eight-tenths of a foot per hour; the Ohio at Davis Island dam at 25 and rising four-tenths foot per hour.

The worst fears of manufacturers along the Pittsburgh side of the Allegheny river from the Sharpshooter road down have been realized. Water swept over the banks in many places and inundated the manufacturing districts.

Two barges loaded with 50,000 bushels of coal were caught by the current this morning and sunk.

A fleet of 42 barges loaded with pit posts were swept away and reported lost. The barges with their cargoes were valued at \$1,200 each.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 22.—Midnight.—The Allegheny and Monongahela rivers are rising steadily. The Allegheny is three feet higher than her normal stream and as a consequence a dangerous ice gorge is now forming between the Wallace and Smithfield street bridges, just above the confluence of the rivers. There is ice enough in both rivers at this time to keep both the rivers well filled until Sunday morning and perhaps later.

Early in the day, owing to the warning put out in regard to the danger from the Allegheny, all of the coal barges and steamboats were sent into the Monongahela to gain the better protection of the piers and consequently stiller water. Already a large contingent of forty thousand bushels of coal has been sunk and the whole fleet, with nearly 250,000 bushels on board is in danger.

In the Pennsylvania mill district, many of the mills have their pits below flood level and were compelled to shut down, throwing 7,000 men and boys out of work. The big and little Shenangoas which most at Greenville, are higher than for many years. A gorge in these streams has backed the water over the town, causing much damage.

South Race and Water streets are under water. Many families were taken from their homes in boats while others have moved to second floors. The second floors. The Bessmer, a food shop and the Hodge Manufacturing plant both built above the high water mark have been abandoned. Tonight these plants are under water two feet and much machinery has been ruined. The entire Bessmer yards are flooded and the main line is being used as a storage for locomotives and coaches removed from flood shore.

At Osgood, two miles north of here, there is six feet of water on the Bessmer tracks.

HIGHEST EVER.
The water in Mercer is higher than it was ever known before and continues to rise.

Both the Shenango and Shenangoa rivers at New Castle have risen more than 26 inches since morning and are at flood stage with the water coming up rapidly.

The tin plate and steel mills are closed and the main thoroughfares are impassable.

During the afternoon Captain McKinley of the transportation department of the Monongahela coal company received a telegram from Steersville announcing that the Hornet No. 2 had sunk in about 54 feet of water and would probably be a total loss. The crew saw the impending danger in time to escape. The boat was valued at about \$500.

About 5 o'clock p. m. news of the sinking of the Volunteer at Browns Station, reached the local headquarters of this coal combine. The officers and crew were saved. The Volunteer was valued at \$15,000.

One river man stated tonight that the extent of damage wrought by the ice tonight could not be estimated until tomorrow, but it will amount to high into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Thus, coupled with the loss sustained by the railroads and manufacturers and residents, will place the loss at about one million dollars.

At midnight the Pittsburgh and Western railroad is out of business and the Baltimore and Ohio is sending its trains to Youngstown over the Lake Erie.

IN CLEVELAND.
Cleveland, O., Jan. 22.—The flood situation in Cleveland and vicinity is brighter at midnight because of a fall in the temperature which will lessen the probability of a dangerous gorge about ten miles up the Cuyahoga river breaking and letting loose a great mass of water held in check by it. The Cuyahoga river is flowing about fifteen miles an hour and is slightly lower than during the day.

The three great lake vessels that broke loose from their moorings today are still wedged tightly together and there is no possibility of their breaking away or being moved until the flood of water has ceased running out into the lake.

The severe loss in Cleveland is estimated at half a million dollars.

Loraine, O., Jan. 22.—The loss to property in the flood district in this city is estimated at fully half a million dollars.

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